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Daniel Grabb
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Manager ECP Audit/Support
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Dear Mr. Grabb:

RE: Holland America Line's VOLENDAM approval for discharge >1nm from berth and traveling at a speed of at least 6 knots into Washington State Waters

The "Memorandum of Understanding Cruise Operations in Washington State", as amended (MOU), specifies specific requirements for discharges into "waters subject to this MOU" (MOU waters). The Department of Ecology (Ecology), based on the information submitted by Holland America Line (HAL) and other information gathered, has **APPROVED** the **VOLENDAM** for discharge at greater than one nautical mile from berth and traveling at a speed of at least six knots in accordance with the MOU. The approval may be revoked if HAL fails to comply with the discharge requirements to provide for advanced wastewater treatment for their discharges into MOU waters, and meet the standards set out in the MOU.

Ecology's responsibility in reviewing the above referenced treatment technology on the above referenced vessels is for general public health and environmental quality. It is Ecology's role to provide reasonable assurance that the proposed plan and related activities are adequate to meet such requirements. The owners/operators of the vessels shall retain full responsibility for technical adequacy and meeting Washington State Water Quality Standards. Neither Ecology nor the reviewer(s) accepts any of the owners/operators responsibility and potential liability. Nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal state or local statutes, ordinances or regulations.

For additional information, please contact Amy Jankowiak, Water Quality, at the address above or at (425) 649-7195.

Sincerely,


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cc: Amy Jankowiak, Ecology WQ-NWRO
Peter Ressler, Port of Seattle
John Hansen, Northwest Cruiseship Association

